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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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PARTICIPANTS: Sra. Hortensia Pereira de DUARTEMr. George Lister, Special Assistant for
Human Rights, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs

Mr. Donald A. Guerriero (Notetaker)

PLACE: Chancery

DATE: August 19, 1977

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	AID	ARA - George Lister
	ECOM	INR/RAA
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	POL	S/P - Richard Feinberg
	BIO	H - Ann Swift/Curtis Cutter

Sra. Duarte was accompanied by her teenage son. She told Mr. Lister that her husband, Leon DUARTE, was one of a large group of people detained in Argentina, about 24 of whom eventually appeared in Uruguay. Her husband, however, disappeared. Mrs. Duarte has gone to the Argentine authorities, Uruguayan authorities, and the UNHCR, but she has been unable to obtain any information on the fate of her husband. She has spoken with relative of those persons returned to Uruguay, and she says while they confirmed Duarte was detained in Argentina, they do not know what happened to him. In answer to a question, Sra. Duarte said that she had not been molested by the Uruguayan police or military.

Mr. Lister asked Sra. Duarte what she would like us to do in this case. Sra. Duarte said her object was, of course, to find her husband, but what she needs is advice on what to do. Mr. Lister promised that he would take up the matter with Assistant Secretary Todman and someone from the Embassy would be in contact with her. He added that, in the event she is bothered by the government, she should contact the Embassy since we do not want anyone to have problems after talking to U. S. officials.

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The above case has been included in the Post's file of active human rights cases, and we will follow up with the GOU.

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